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DANCE IN THE STREETS AT BEAVERTON'S 52ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION PARADE AND OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

- Watch for Intermittent Street Closures Up Until 6PM on Saturday, September 19 -

Beaverton, Oregon (September 11, 2009) – Mayor Denny Doyle, Beaverton City Council members, Service to Beaverton Award Winners and grand marshal Mariel Zagunis will take part in the 52nd annual Beaverton Celebration Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 19. More than 100 participants, including five area high school marching bands, colorful floats, civic and cultural organizations, will be cheered on by spectators as they make their way through the streets of Beaverton. The annual Old Town Festival, a family-friendly festival featuring entertainment, fun and food in the heart of historic downtown, will start immediately following the conclusion of the Celebration Parade.

Beaverton's Celebration Parade began in 1957 and has grown into a community tradition. The parade is presented by the City of Beaverton with support from many corporate and civic sponsors including Bob Lanphere's Beaverton Honda, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Tri-Met, the Valley Times, and the Beaverton School District.

Grand Marshal Mariel Zagunis

This year's Grand Marshal is Beaverton native, Mariel Zagunis, the first American to win a gold medal in fencing in 100 years (2004 and 2008). Her appearance in the Beaverton Celebration Parade will be her first as Grand Marshal of a parade. Mariel will be greeting attendees after the Parade at the Beaverton Old Town Festival at SW Broadway and Hall, in downtown Beaverton.

Service to Beaverton Award Winners

Each year, the Service to Beaverton Award winners are honored as "celebrity" guests in the parade. The 2009 award winners are Janet Allison of the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, Leslie Mundt of the Beaverton Celebration Parade Committee, Care to Share, the Central Beaverton Neighborhood Association Committee and Rivermark Community Credit Union.

Beaverton Celebration Parade Route and Directions

The parade route begins at Beaverton Christian Church on SW Allen Blvd. at SW Menlo Dr., turns north onto SW Erickson, east on SW 5th, north again on SW Watson and then onto Broadway and into Old Town Beaverton. One of the easiest ways to get to the parade is to take MAX to the Beaverton Central stop at The Beaverton Round and walk a few blocks. Note that streets are closed to vehicular traffic near the Parade route starting at 9 a.m. on that Saturday. A map of the parade route is available at www.beavertonoregon.gov/parade.

Watch the Parade Again on Television

Along with the thousands of spectators lining the route, the event is shown on the Comcast Cable system with numerous airings following the actual parade date.

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Street Closures During Beaverton's Celebration Parade and Old Town Festival

The following Beaverton streets will be closed to through traffic for Beaverton's Celebration Parade and Old Town Festival:

- SW ALLEN BLVD from SW MURRAY ROAD to HALL BLVD- closes at 9:00 AM and re-opens immediately following the end of the parade (about 12:30 PM).
- SW FARMINGTON from SW MURRAY ROAD to LOMBARD AVE. - closes at 9:00 AM and re-opens immediately following the end of the parade (about 12:30 PM).
- SW ERICKSON AVE. from SW ALLEN BLVD to SW 5TH ST. - closes at 9:00 AM and re-opens immediately following the end of the parade (about 12:30 PM).
- SW 5TH STREET FROM ERICKSON TO HALL BLVD - closes at 9:00 AM and re-opens immediately following the end of the parade (about 12:30 PM).
- SW WATSON AVE FROM SW 5TH TO CANYON RD. - closes at 9:00 AM and re-opens immediately following the end of the parade (about 12:30 PM).
- SW HALL BLVD FROM SW FARMINGTON TO CANYON RD. - closes 6:30 AM and remains closed until 6:00 PM for the "Old Town Festival".
- SW BROADWAY ST. from LOMBARD AVE. to WATSON AVE. - closes at 9:00 AM and remains closed until the end of the parade (APPROXIMATELY 12:30 PM).
- SW BROADWAY will be closed between EAST and WEST AVENUES from 12:30 PM until 6 PM to accommodate "Old Town Festival".

For your safety as well as the parade participants, course marshals, spectators, and Beaverton Police Officers, please observe and obey all street closings. Vehicles normally parked on the Parade Route must be moved before 9:00 AM, Saturday, September 19, 2009.

For more information about street closures or the Beaverton Celebration Parade and Old Town Festival, please visit www.beavertonoregon.gov, call Community Events at (503) 350-4088, or send an email to ehickey@ci.beaverton.or.us.

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